

Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant Program

**Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection**

SMRP Background

- Created through Green Communities Act
- DEP regulations (310 CMR 19.300)
- Six municipal waste combustors qualified to earn Waste Energy Credits
- 50% of WECs revenue goes to “DEP approved recycling programs”
- Municipal Grant Program – Year 3
- Other SMRP programs: Commercial Assistance, Core Services, Admin

WEC Funds Summary

	FY10	FY11	FY12
Receipts	\$2,350,508	\$2,851,627	\$3,050,483
Expenditures			
Municipal		\$ 835,437	\$1,090,636
Commercial Assistance			\$ 120,452
Core Services	\$ 178,070	\$ 420,230	\$ 557,740
MassDEP Admin		\$ 301,906	\$ 437,686
Total Expend.	\$ 178,070	\$1,557,572	\$2,206,514

Municipal Program Summary

	FY11	FY12	FY13*
Requested	\$4.29 mill	\$2.4 mill	\$4.95 mill
# of Applicants	123	118	140
Awarded	\$1.6 mill	\$1.5 mill	\$2.07 mill
# of Awardees	105	109	118

FY13 Grant Applications and Awards

- Requests: 140 applications, totaling \$4.95 mill
- Awards: 118 applicants, totaling \$2.07 mill
 - Recycling Carts 11 awards, \$677,693
 - Food Waste Carts 1 award, \$ 96,740
 - Pilot/Regional 7 awards, \$214,460
 - Organics Capacity 2 awards, \$400,000
 - PAYT 4 awards, \$235,135
 - MREC 4 awards, \$127,900
 - Drop-off 15 awards, \$131,855
 - Small Scale Initiatives 76 awards, \$ 72,500

SMRP Timeline for Next Grant Solicitation

Application Issued: April 2013 (Re-TRAC)

Grant Workshops: April and May

Application Deadline: June 12, 2013

Award Recommendations: by end of July

Award Announcements: targeted for September

In-kind Technical Assistance application

(Help from your MAC) - expected in early July

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

Buy Recycled Implementation

Recycling in Practice

Solid Waste Data Reporting

- CY2011 Municipal SW and Recycling Survey
- CY2012 Municipal SW and Recycling Survey
- Must be submitted prior to application

Re-TRAC – new online filing/reporting tool

CY2010 and CY2011 data posted online:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/priorities/wrr.htm>

Who May Apply for SMRP?

Individual Municipalities

- Municipality may submit ONE application for all items requested

Regional Government Entities

- Solid waste management districts, conservation districts, etc.
- Must be legislatively authorized

Non-Profits

- Federally recognized as 501(c)(3)
- Serving municipalities and residents

Pay-As-You-Throw Start-up Funds (changed)

Residents are charged for trash disposal based on the amount they throw away.

Most successful program for reducing solid waste

Maximum Award Amount: \$200,000

Start-up Funds for curbside or drop-off programs

- Drop-off: \$5/household
- **Curbside:**
 - With ONE bag/barrel free -- \$10/household
 - With NO bag/barrels free -- \$15/household
 - With 35-gallon automated trash cart -- \$15/household

Waste Reduction Enforcement Coordinator

(changed)

Maximum award based on population, up to \$50,000

Must have mandatory recycling policy, bylaw or ordinance before coordinator is hired.

- Enforce mandatory recycling in curbside collection program
- Enforce trash limits
- **Enforce PAYT/SMART program**
- **Enforce private hauler regulation/bylaw/ordinance**

Curbside Recycling Collection Carts (changed)

For single-stream or dual-stream recycling

- Maximum award: \$100,000/\$150,000
- Eligibility criteria: “Trash limits” changed from three 32-gallon bags/barrels to two
- Per cart reimbursement of \$10 or \$15
- Municipality or Hauler to finance balance

Curbside Food Waste Collection Carts

For separate collection of food waste

- Maximum award \$100,000
- Per cart reimbursement of \$20

Drop-off Recycling Collection Equipment

Equipment for the *diversion* of source separated target materials

Roll-offs -- \$5,500 to \$7,500

- Construction/demolition wood
- Carpet, Mattresses
- Bulky rigid plastics
- Clean gypsum wallboard

Compactors – up to \$7,500

- Cardboard
- Mixed paper and Cardboard
- Single stream recyclables

Educational Materials

School Recycling Assistance

- Applications for district-wide programs only
- Start up new recycling programs or expand existing programs
 - Paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, milk cartons
 - Food waste (if full recycling in place)
- Award: up to \$30,000
- Funding for start-up costs:
 - collection containers
 - education/outreach
 - program coordination

Local and Regional Waste Reduction Projects

- Up to \$100,000 over 2 years; \$500,000 for organics projects
- Open to municipalities, regional entities and certain non-profits
- Consult MassDEP about proposal ideas prior to developing

Pilot Programs & Regional Initiatives

Sample projects funded

- Habitat for Humanity ReStores
- South Shore paint reuse pilot
- Framingham schools: food waste and reusable trays
- Cambridge food waste collection pilot
- Newburyport Zero Waste pilot
- Agricultural plastics recycling pilot
- Outer Cape restaurant food waste collection
- Hingham business recycling enforcement

Small Scale Initiatives

To sustain existing waste reduction programs and facilitate new, low-cost initiatives

- Population based
- Must be waste reduction related expense
 - Compost bins
 - Public space recycling containers
 - Recycling education and outreach materials
 - Purchase and testing of environmentally preferred products
- Award amounts between \$500 and \$2000

Important Numbers

PAYT/SMART

- Tina Klein
617-292-5704

Recycling/Solid Waste Survey

- Contact your MAC

Drop-off Equip & School Assistance

- Ann McGovern
617-292-5834

WR Enforcement Coordinator

- Emily Martin
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Local/Regional WR Projects

- Brooke Nash
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Recycling Carts, Small Scale Initiatives & general grant questions

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